

STATE TRAUMA ADVISORY BOARD
MINUTES
January 22, 2004
150 North 18th Avenue, Conference Room 540-A

Members Present:

Michel Sucher (Chairman)	Ingrid Bachtel
Steve Thompson	John Porter
Charles Frank Allen	Nancy Shaver
Dan Judkins	Mark Venuti
Bill Ashland	David Bank
Stuart Alt	Michael J. Seby
Peter Hershfield	Alex Wilcox

Members Absent:

Scott Petersen
Stewart Hamilton
Jeff Farkas
Rich Thacher

BEMS Staff Present:

Susan Nicolas
Donna Meyer
Robin Jarvis
Suzy Baulch
Ellie Strang
Dona Markley
Chuck Kramer
Betty Yunick

Guests Present:

Stephen Powles
Tracy Edwards
Bob Waddell
Brian McAnallen
Ken Simpson
Robinelle Schroder
Rose Conner
Debbie Johnston

I. CALL TO ORDER

The chairman, Michel Sucher, called the regular meeting of the State Trauma Advisory Board to order at 9:05 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. DISCUSS/AMEND and/or APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mark Venuti seconded by Stuart Alt to approve the agenda for January 22, 2004 and the minutes of October 23, 2003 with no corrections.

Motion carried.

III. REPORT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Rose Conner, Assistant Director, Arizona Department of Health Services, addressed the Board regarding legislative and budget issues.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- A. Membership Update** – Michel Sucher gave the Chairman's Report. He announced that five members of STAB have membership terms that will expire January 31, 2004. He encouraged each member to hand in their paperwork if they would like to be reappointed.
- B. Introduction of New Members** – Michel Sucher introduced to the committee Peter Hershfield filling the position of "Representative From A National Association of Retired Persons" and Alex Wilcox filling the position of "Representative From A Statewide Rehabilitation Facility" category. Sheri Farr Jorden is no longer with the Arizona Hospital Association (AHA). Debbie Johnston is the nominee by the AHA to fill this category on the Board

V. COMMITTEE REPORT

A. STAB Executive Committee – The STAB Executive Committee did not meet.

B. AZTQ Committee – The Committee is waiting for the legislation to pass on the designation process. After this occurs, AZTQ's responsibility would be to create the system quality performance process.

1) Trauma Registry Users Group (TRUG) – The group is meeting once a month and are still in the correction mode. They are still struggling with uploading the correct data. The vendors are working on meeting the needs of the trauma centers.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

A. Injury Prevention Plan – There has been a reduction in incidents based on the 2002 data and this information will go to the Injury Prevention Advisory Council (IPAC) meeting in April. The department is continuing to work with the Native Americans in reducing the rate of motor vehicle accidents and working with the aging in reducing the rate of falls. The Core State Injury and Prevention Site Visit will take place on January 29, 2004 at 8:00 a.m. The Center for Disease Control (CDC) will perform a site visit to discuss and review performance of the Core State Injury Prevention Process.

B. EMSC/PEPP Update – David Bank has organized and provided six Basic Life Support (BLS) Pediatric Education Program (PEPP) courses throughout Arizona. So far, there have been 127 participants. They are looking for more participation from the Northern Region. The PEPP video is being duplicated so that it can be distributed to the four regions. They have asked the regional councils to appoint a volunteer who would be willing to join the Emergency Medical Services for Children (EMSC) Advisory Task Force. The task force will look at current and future EMSC programs. They are going to be setting up a monthly PEPP course at Phoenix Children's Hospital and are in the process of integrating the ALS component into the PEPP course. David Bank will present data to the committee when there is enough.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2004 Meeting Schedule – The Board recommended that AZTQ suspend its meetings and focus on getting the legislation through the process.

A motion was made by John Porter seconded by Nancy Shaver to suspend the meetings of AZTQ until such time that we have a committee.

Motion carried.

The committee confirmed the September meeting date for STAB that is on the meeting schedule (September 23).

B. STAB Retreat Overview – The STAB Retreat was held on November 14, 2003. After the work on the EMS System Trauma Plan, the next step was to set some priorities. Gail Cooper was the facilitator and Brent Eastman was a presenter. Suzy Baulch stated that the STAB Retreat Overview will be put on our website.

It was determined at the Retreat that four workgroups needed to be developed.

- 1) **STAB Roles and Responsibilities**
 - Revise mission/vision to reflect broad-based membership vision
- 2) **Trauma Data**
 - Dan Judkins and Bill Ashland are Co-Chairs. Timeline is 6 months to be completed by May 2004
 - Dan Judkins reported that the initial collection of information about the status of the state trauma registry is in progress. The task force will meet in February. They will have a final assessment of the state trauma registry and any recommendations by the next STAB meeting in April.
- 3) **State/Regional Resources and Assessments**
 - Chaired by Scott Petersen and Stewart Hamilton – timeline is 4 months to be completed by March 2004 (can be extended)
- 4) **Designation/Verification of Trauma Center**
 - Chaired by John Porter and Ingrid Bachtel – timeline is 6 months to be completed by May 2004
 - John Porter handed out a summary of the meetings and e-mails of the workgroup
 - The workgroup will have one more meeting
 - Discussion ensued on the American College of Surgeons (ACS) versus State trauma centers
 - Discussion ensued on whether we want to have an inclusive system
 - Discussion ensued on whether ACS would agree to evaluate with our own criteria
 - It was recommended that we need to find another type of funding
 - John Porter asked the members of the workgroup to look at the Arizona Trauma Center Standards in the EMS and Trauma System Plan before the next meeting. They are located on the Bureau's website (www.hs.state.az.us/bems).

Item: Table of Tasks and Timelines
Follow Up: Next STAB Meeting
When: April 22, 2004
Who: Suzy Baulch

C. Modify EMS and Trauma System Plan

- 1) **Include Field Trauma Triage for Pediatrics in EMS and Trauma System Plan 2002 – 2005 Appendix A (Discussion/Decision)**

The members of the TRUG workgroup requested to include “falls twice the height of the patient” to capture the appropriate pediatric patient.

A motion was made by Dan Judkins seconded by John Porter to add, “Falls greater than twice the height of the patient”. Add to the EMS and Trauma System - Step three Appendix A. **Motion carried.**

2) Clarify Trauma Patient Inclusion Criteria

A motion was made by Dan Judkins seconded by Stuart Alt that this be included as the state trauma registry guidelines with one modification. At the bottom of the page titled “Trauma Patient Registry Inclusion Definition” where it states: Note: Add - This will only apply to step five of this definition. **Motion carried.**

This item was not a decision item on the agenda so this will need to be put on the next agenda.

Item: Clarify Trauma Patient Inclusion Criteria
Follow up: Next STAB Meeting (Discussion/Decision)
When: April 22, 2004
Who: Dan Judkins

VIII. GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS:

A. Primary Seat Belt Legislation

Copies of the four major seat belt legislative bills were provided to the Board. The Governor’s Office of Highway Safety is very much a component of the primary seat belt legislation.

The Board recommended that a portion of the funds collected for this seat belt legislation go to trauma centers.

B. Statewide Emergency Trauma System Legislation

Trauma Legislation (HB 2197) that was to be presented today (January 22, 2004) was pulled by the House Health Committee. The Department was notified that Southwest Ambulance had some issues regarding the bill

- The plan is to meet with each of the members of the House Health Committee and also to meet with Southwest Ambulance to discuss these issues
- A list of the names of the House Health Committee’s members and phone number was distributed
- Committee members that want to show their support may contact their legislator

IX. CALL TO THE PUBLIC

No one came forward.

X. TRAINING OR EDUCATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Scottsdale Healthcare will be having their first trauma conference on March 11 – 13, 2004

- Southwest Regional Trauma Conference will be held on October 7 – 8, 2004 in Tucson
- AEMS Odyssey will be held on June 10 – 11, 2004
- St. Joseph's Hospital will be having a Trauma Conference February 9 – 10, 2004

XI. NEXT MEETING

The next regular STAB meeting will be on April 22, 2004.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Approved by: State Trauma Advisory Board

Date: September 23, 2004